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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION

REF: (A) USUN 8996, (B) USUN 1383, (C) GENEVA 3003, (D) STATE

98224, (E) GENEVA 3838, (F) GENEVA 3623, (G) STATE 114849

1. MISSION IS FORWARDING BY AIR POUCH TO THE DEPARTMENT (DERIAN AND HEWITT) UNDER REGISTRY NOS. 2616041 AND 2616042, NOTES ON THE MEETING (DISCUSSED REF E) BETWEEN VAN BOVEN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION; SANON, DEPTY DIRECTOR; JAY LONG, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL BUFFUM; AND OFFICERS OF THE SECTION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES. ALSO BEING POUCHED ARE THE SUMMARY VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE TOTAL HUMAN RIGHTS SIVUSION DURING A WEEK-LONG EVALUATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION, MAY 9-14.

2. MEETINGS WERE HEL TO BRIEF VAN BOVEN ON THE WORK OF THE DIVISION, ACQUAINT HIM WITH THE STAFF, AND ALSO TO GET STAFF OPINIONS AND IDEAS FOR IMPROVING WORK OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE. GATHERINGS ALSO PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR VAN BOVEN AND SANON TO FLOAT SOME OF THEIR REORGANIZATION PLANS AND GET STAFF REACTIONS. JAY LONG ATTENDED ALL CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK.

3. THE NOTES VERIFY AS DISCUSSED (REF E) THAT A REORGNIZATION IS CONTEMPLATED (PAGE 3, PARA 16, AFTERNOON MEETING OF DISCRIMINATION SECTION AND PAGE 2, PARA 23 OF SUMMARY VIEWS). MOST STAFF FEEL THE CHANGE IS IMMINENT. ON THE OTHER HAND ONE OF THE SOVIETS (RESHETOV) EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT

RESTRUCTURING WILL BE DELAYED BECAUSE AS THE PLAN NOW STANDS  
THE TWO APPROVAL COMMITTEES IN NEW YORK WHICH ARE COMPOSED OF SOME  
MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMISSION WILL REJECT THE PROPOSAL.  
COMMENT: THIS COULD BE THE SOVIET VIEW OF THE MATTER.  
END COMMENT.

4. MISSION WILL RAISE ISSUES OF U.S. EMPLOYEES IN HUMAN  
RIGHTS DIVISION WITH VAN BOVEN MAY 25 WHEN HE PAYS COURTESY  
VISIT TO MISSION. WILL ALSO EMPHASIZE THAT CRAWFORD BE  
CONSIDERED FOR COVENANT POST AS REQUESTED REF G.

5. AT SOME FUTURE DATE THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO RAISE  
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE USE OF SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS BY HUMAN  
RIGHTS DIVISION, AN ISSUE RAISED SEVERAL TIMES IN THE NOTES.  
MISSOFF WAS INFORMED THAT FEW STUDIES ARE RESEARCHED AND  
DRAFTED BY THE RAPPORTEURS. IN THE CASE OF THE STUDY ON  
ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES...RAPPORTEUR KHALIFA (EGYPT) INSISTED  
THAT NO WESTERN HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION STAFF BE PERMITTED  
TO WORK ON THE PAPER. THE SERVICES OF A JORDANIAN NATIONAL  
OF PALESTINIAN ORIGIN WERE PROVIDED.

6. MAZAUD, HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION SECRETARIAT IS FEARFUL  
THAT NOTES OF THESE MEETINGS WILL FALL INTO THE HANDS OF  
COMMISSION MEMBERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION STAFF WILL  
BE IN DIFFICULTY PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCES TO CHARTER  
ARTICLE 100. MISSION REQUESTS CONFIDENTIAL HANDLING OF  
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